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Convoy for Freedom Update 42

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MTO Status Updates

MTO MAG: Activated

Region	Events:	Notes - Operational Updates and Impacts
WEST RAG: Activated	Convoy/protest continues in Windsor today. All lanes are currently blocked on Huron Church Road WB (Highway 401 turns into Huron Church Road) and remains closed due to the protest. CBSA update indicates the border is temporarily closed. Alternatively, passenger vehicles can access the tunnel. Ambassador Bridge outbound traffic to US open to all non-commercial traffic. Signs updated to encourage U.S. bound traffic to cross at Sarnia, Bluewater Bridge from Windsor to Hwy 402 in London. No inbound traffic from US at the Ambassador Bridge crossing Sarnia: Strathroy - Hwy 402 Westbound at Nauvoo Rd / formerly Highway 79 to Kerwood Road (convoy looping around.) Truck Convoy with approximately 25 vehicles including 10 tractors. Detour route in place at Highway 22. Hwy 402 Westbound on-ramp at Front Street. All lanes closed. Oxford County: Saturday, February 12, 2022 unconfirmed	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested. OPP is aware MTO Transportation Enforcement Officers will be available upon request.

	planned protest that may affect on and off ramps on Highway 401 at Highway 59 and Highway 19. Expected to start from 400 Simcoe St, Tillsonburg at 1:00PM to 53 Stover Street South, Norwich with approximately 500 vehicles.	
CENTRAL RAG: Activated	Convoy has moved through the region. No further activity reported. Niagara: - Protest planned for Saturday, February 12, 2022 to block Peace Bridge. - Meeting at the Costco Parking Lot, Stoney Creek ON (1326 South Service Road, Stoney Creek ON, L8E 5C5) at 0730 departing at 0800. A second convoy is meeting at the Husky Truck Stop Niagara on the Lake (615 York RD) at 0900 departing at 0930. - ON the New York side, the 1st group is meeting at 900 Young St, Tonawanda NY at 1100 hrs and a 2nd group at Pat Sole Park 888 Columbus PKWY Buffalo NY at 1200 hrs. Both groups are going to lock the Peace Bridge from both sides of the border. There is no mention of the Queenston Lewiston Bridge.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. OPP is aware MTO Transportation Enforcement Officers will be available upon request.
EAST RAG: TBD	Convoys continue in the City of Ottawa.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. Contacted by OPP and a traffic control crew is standby should OPP request assistance.
NORTHEAST RAG: TBD	Convoys have moved through the region. Unconfirmed information that potential of a Sault Ste. Marie international border bridge blockade planned for this weekend.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP.

	The crossing in Sault is not MTO property, and the roads leading to it are connecting links, so municipal jurisdiction, not MTO	
NORTHWEST RAG: TBD	Convoys have moved through the region.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP.

OPS Building & Operations Issues

- The Toronto Police Service has closed Queen's Park Circle from College Street to Bloor Street. This action is in response to unverified information regarding a possible vehicle demonstration in the downtown core. In response to this potential demonstration, Toronto Police Service has increased its presence in the area of the Precinct.
- 151 Bloor St., Toronto
 - Advised that another truck blockade may be coming to Bloor Street as early as this afternoon.
 - Access to the building by vehicle may be difficult while the protest is ongoing.
 - Additional security to attend to the building.

Services Disruptions

- EMS/Hospitals to plan accordingly for this weekend, as inter-facility transfers will take additional time to complete. Non-critical transfers may be delayed until the demonstration is clear of all hospital areas.
- Ford and Toyota on Wednesday both said they were halting some production as anti-coronavirus mandate protesters blocked U.S-Canada border crossings that have prompted warnings from Washington and Ottawa of economic damage.

Municipal Issues

- Windsor
 - Convoy/protest continues in Windsor today.
 - All lanes are currently blocked on Huron Church Road WB. Protestors have no plan for departure at this time.
- Ottawa (Parliament Hill)

- Contacted by OPP and a traffic control crew is on standby should OPP request assistance.
- Sarnia
 - A convoy/protest blockade of the Bluewater Bridge crossing in Sarnia, convoy starting movement on Hwy 402 to Sarnia now.
- Oxford County
 - Planned protest for Saturday 12th that may affect on and off ramps on Hwy 401 at Hwy 59 and Hwy 19 starting from 400 Simcoe St. Tillsonburg at 1:00pm.
 - OPP estimates there will be 500 vehicles taking part in the convoy, beginning in Tillsonburg around noon. The expected route will take them through downtown Tillsonburg, north up Highway 19 to Ingersoll, East on Beachville Road/Main Street to Woodstock, and South on Highway 59 to Norwich.
 - We are expecting significant disruptions to vehicle traffic not only on these primary routes but secondary routes as well.
 - OPP have been in contact with Woodstock Police and all area municipal Fire Departments.
- Toronto
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 - Freedom Convoy Toronto: Round Two. Meeting at Queen's Park by 1200 hrs, with the staging areas located at;
 - Vaughn Mills
 - Yorkdale
 - Sherway Gardens
 - Square One
 - The convoy groups will depart at 1100 hrs.
 - Their posts on social media suggests that, in addition to heading into the downtown Toronto Core, they may also be deploying some of their convoy to the 401 corridor through Toronto, to block it.
 - They plan to encamp downtown Toronto and not leave until all mandates are rescinded.
- Strathroy
 - Truck Convoy with approximately 25 vehicles including 10 tractors. Highway 402 westbound remains closed from Nauvoo road to Forest road as of 09:30 hours February 10th, 2022.

International Border Issues

- Windsor
 - No Canada bound traffic movement at Ambassador Bridge.
 - Outbound traffic to US open via Wyandotte St.
 - CMV traffic is being redirected to Bluewater Bridge in Sarnia.
 - Passenger vehicles can still access the tunnel at Windsor/Detroit.
 - Protest has extended to Wyandotte St., entirely blocking access to Ambassador Bridge.
- Sarnia
 - VMS signs encourage U.S. bound traffic to cross at Sarnia, Bluewater Bridge
- Niagara
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 - On the New York side, the 1st group is meeting at 900 Young St, Tonawanda NY at 1100 hrs and a 2nd group at Pat Sole Park 888 Columbus PKWY Buffalo NY at 1200 hrs.
 - There is no mention of the Queenston Lewiston Bridge.
- Sault Ste. Marie
 - Unconfirmed information of a potential international border blockade on the weekend.

[Border wait times: United States to Canada \(cbsa-asfc.gc.ca\)](https://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca)

CBSA Office	Commercial Flow	Travellers Flow
Cornwall Cornwall, ON/Roosevelt, NY	No delay	No delay
Prescott Prescott, ON/Ogdensburg, NY	No delay	No delay

CBSA Office	Commercial Flow	Travellers Flow
Thousand Islands Bridge Lansdowne, ON/Alexandria Bay, NY	No delay	No delay
Sault Ste. Marie Sault Ste. Marie, ON/Sault Ste. Marie, MI	No delay	No delay
Fort Frances Bridge Fort Frances, ON/International Falls, MN	No delay	No delay
Queenston-Lewiston Bridge Queenston, ON/Lewiston, NY	1 minute	2 minutes
Rainbow Bridge Niagara Falls, ON/Niagara Falls, NY	Not applicable	No delay
Peace Bridge Fort Erie, ON/Buffalo, NY	3 minutes	No delay
Blue Water Bridge Sarnia, ON/Port Huron, MI	3 hours	No delay
Windsor and Detroit Tunnel Windsor, ON/Detroit, MI	No delay	No delay
Ambassador Bridge Windsor, ON/Detroit, MI	Temporarily closed	Temporarily closed